[112 cont.]

502 Ndeni (4). Coote says of those on the Reef Islands that they sail

4. Dalrymple, p. 195. Burney, p. 290.

badly against the wind, but that before the wind they sail very well. The frequent capsizing of the boats, despite the outrigger, [481] does not disconcert the occupants; swimming in the water, they right the vessel again, remove the water in large part by a swinging motion, and scoop out the rest with the water scoops. With the large sea-going boats they go far beyond sight of land, guided only by their knowledge of the points of the compass and the stars. Of special significance for sea journeys is the time of the [132] monsoon, which lasts approximately from February to April. According to Coote, the natives were able to tell the exact location of their island even from a great distance, and the same traveler [868] observed how an older boy on the ship taught a younger one the 484 names of the stars (5). There is lively traffic between the 177 103 438 439

5. Dillon, p. 219 (monsoon = rakeys). D'Urville, p. 194. Gaimard, ibid., p. 338. Coote, pp. 151 f. Joest in Baessler, p. 395.

individual parts of the group, as well as with the neighboring Polynesian islands, the heaviest between Ndeni and the Reef Islands and between Vanikoro and Tikopia. Moreover, Ndeni and the Reef Islands have contact with Sikaiana, as does Vanikoro [304] with Ndeni and the Reef Islands. A native of Vanikoro was tattooed on Mami, an island adjacent to Ndeni, and since then he has visited almost all the Reef Islands. Through Tikopia, the Vanikorese were also familiar with the Banks Islands. A native ●823 of Vanikoro was able [113] to draw a large number of the islands on a sketch which, of course, was inaccurate (1). Mixed marriages

1. Dalrymple, pp. 146 ff. Burney, pp. 290 ff. Dillon, pp. 158, 167, 268.

/208 cont./ When the volcano Tinakula emits flames, it is a sign that someone has been killed. In the ripening of bananas, the spirits of the dead assembled on the mountain of Vanikoro recognize that someone wounded in battle has died (3).] /Fig. 54 appears here./

3. [Coombe, p. 201.]

[Fig. 54.] Tips of dance clubs, side view (belonging to Ethn., I, p. 133, Fig. 58, Nos. 7, 4, 8, 2); ca. 1/5 natural size.

As for amulets (4), I saw only small sticks that boys wore

4. [Ethn., I, p. 154.]

on strings around their necks (Fig. 53).

The people adorn themselves for dancing [which as a rule takes place in moonlight]; they stick a fan-shaped leaf upright in the back of the belt and give it an oscillating motion by swaying the pelvis (5). I did not attend a dance in which the dance clubs

5. [Speiser, Südsee, p. 295. O'Ferrall,